



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Shun-ichi ISHIKAWA, et al.  
Appln. No.: 09/725,934  
Confirmation No.: 2881  
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Docket No: Q61635  
Group Art Unit: 2622  
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DEVICE FOR FORMING A COLOR IMAGE, SILVER HALIDE COLOR  
PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL, AND A DEVICE FOR PROCESSING A  
PHOTOSENSITIVE MATERIAL

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d)**

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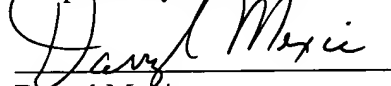
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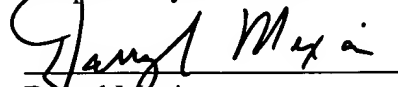
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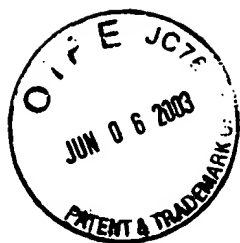
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA) under §1.53(d); (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a

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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Nevertheless, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. **Also, the submission of the attached English language abstracts along with Japanese Patent Application Laid-open Nos. 6-295035 and 10-207010 constitutes concise statements of relevance of the respective references.**

**Additionally, the below listed references, although listed in the attached Communication from a foreign patent office, are not being submitted in the present Information Disclosure Statement, since they were filed in a previous Information Disclosure Statement in this case.**

**EP 0 762 201, JP 9-204031, EP 0 997 776, US 5,985,528, EP 0 620 486, JP 6-266066 & EP 0 526 931.**

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